

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott Pojunas on 7/16/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 6, 19, and 24 are now canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-5, 7-18, 20-23 are allowed. The prior art failed to teach the method of if the state is Low, determining that the event message is to be forwarded; if the state is High and the event message has a high priority, determining that the event message is to be forwarded; if the state is High and the event message has a low priority, determining that the event message is not to be forwarded; and if the state is Full, determining that the event message is not to be forwarded, as recited in claims 2, 7 and 20.

3. The prior art also failed to teach if addition of the event message to the set caused the fill level of the set to rise to or above either the first threshold or the second threshold, or if deletion of the event message from the set caused the fill level of the set to fall to or below either the third threshold or the fourth threshold, sending a callback

message to an event logger in the EMS indicative of which threshold has been crossed by the fill level, as recited in claim 14.

4. The prior art also failed to teach instructions for sending a callback message to an event logger in the EMS indicative of which threshold has been crossed by the fill level, in the event that addition of the event message to the set caused the fill level of the set to rise to or above either the first threshold or the second threshold, or that deletion of the event message from the set caused the fill level of the set to fall to or below either the third threshold or the fourth threshold, as recited in claim 18.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAN YUEN whose telephone number is (571)270-1413. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10:00a.m-3:00p.m EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky O. Ngo can be reached on 571-272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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